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## **NEW EXHIBIT HELPS CREATE POSITIVE AWARENESS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**

### **Boston Children's Museum to open access/Ability June 17, 2004**

(Boston, MA) June 14, 2004...Boston Children's Museum will open access/Ability June 17, 2004. This exhibition is a highly interactive, yet sensitive disability awareness exhibit that delivers the message to children, parents and educators that as human beings, we are more alike than different.

This unique exhibit presents people living with disabilities as participants in the world and features fun and engaging activities that show the similarities and differences in how each of us, with or without disabilities, go places, communicate, have fun, and learn. Visitors will have a chance to learn phrases in American Sign Language, type their name in Braille, try a hand-pedaled bike and take part in a multi-sensory City Walk.

Throughout the exhibit, My Way kiosks introduce individuals living with disabilities who talk about themselves, their accomplishments, and how they overcome challenges in their lives. A resource area provides a quiet space where visitors can learn more about disabilities through books and computer resources.

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### **About Boston Children's Museum**

Boston Children's Museum exists to help children understand and enjoy the world in which they live. It is a private, non-profit, educational institution that is recognized internationally as a research and development center and pacesetter for children's exhibitions, educational programs and curriculum. The Children's Museum focuses on three key areas of expertise: visitor programs, teacher resources and early childhood education. More information about The Children's Museum can be found at: <http://www.bostonkids.org/>

### **Hours and Admission**

The Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Fridays until 9:00 p.m. Children (2-15) and senior citizens, \$7; other adults \$9; one year olds, \$2; Fridays 5:00pm - 9:00pm, all visitors \$1. Infants under one and Museum members are always free. Special rates available for school and community groups; reservations required, call (617) 426-8433.